

September 25, 2003

Ms. Elizabeth Rolando, Chief Clerk  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Dear Ms. Rolando,

Please find for filing with the Commission the Joint Petition for approval of First Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. and SBC Illinois.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

<b>ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)</b>	)	
<b>(SBC Illinois)</b>	)	
<b>and Norlight Telecommunications, Inc.</b>	)	
<b>d/b/a Norlight</b>	)	
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<b>Joint Petition for Approval of First</b>	)	
<b>Amendment to the Interconnection</b>	)	
<b>Agreement dated September 17, 2003</b>	)	
<b>pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252</b>	)	

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Norlight and SBC Illinois**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("SBC Illinois") and Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Norlight ("Norlight") through counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated September 17, 2003 pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1), 252(e), (the "Act"). In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. The Parties have agreed that the Interconnection Agreement be amended to provide for certain terms and conditions and have entered into this Amendment to set forth such terms and conditions.
2. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(2) the Commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that (1) the agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of the Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.
3. Copies of the First Amendment are available for public inspection in SBC Illinois and Norlight's public offices.

WHEREFORE, SBC Illinois and Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Norlight respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2003

**SBC ILLINOIS**

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL**

I, Mary P. Regan, am Director-National CLEC Performance Lead for Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P./Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois Negotiations and Interconnection, and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Norlight and SBC Illinois.

The attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“SBC Illinois”) and Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Norlight (Norlight) was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, SBC Illinois and Norlight request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1), 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the “Act”).

The Amendment meets all the requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.

The Agreement is amended as follows:

- ◆ Adds UNE Combining Appendix and associated UNE Schedules Combos.
- ◆ This amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with the underlying Agreement.
- ◆ Except as modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the underlying agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.